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In re Application of:)
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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for responding to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2006, by one month, from November 4, 2006, to December 4, 2006. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge the one-month extension fee of \$120.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

In complete response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2006, requiring restriction of invention under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372, Applicant hereby provisionally elects, without traverse, the Group I invention, comprising claims 1-10 and 19, drawn to an affinity-chromatography assay system. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected inventions.

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